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SUBJ: MITRIONE/FLY KIDNAPPINGS - LAST MINUTE MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

BOGOTA FOR MEYER

1. I CALLED ON FORNMIN TODAY AT 11 AM AS HE RETURNED FROM PRESIDENT PACHECO'S OFFICE. I TOLD HIM THAT AT THIS LAST MOMENT, WE WERE RECEIVING NUMBER OF TELEPHONE CALLS AND (AS A BACKDOOR METHOD OF BRINGING UP SUBJECT OF POSSIBLE US CONTRIBUTION TO GOU EFFORTS) I TOLD HIM ONE HAD BEEN FROM URUGUAYAN VIGOROUSLY COMPLAINING THAT MONEY OFFERED BY GOU WAS NOT SUFFICIENT. FONMIN BROKE IN AT THIS POINT TO SAY WITH GREAT VIGOR THAT MONEY WAS NOT RPT NOT OBJECT, THAT NO AMOUNT HAD BEEN FIXED NOR WAS ANY FIXED QUANTITY CONTEMPLATED. I THEREFORE DID NOT FEEL IT NECESSARY TO PROCEED WITH PERMISSION GIVEN ME STATE 128633. I ALSO TOLD HIM THAT A PRIEST HAD CALLED AT RESIDENCE THIS MORNING TO SEE ME URGENTLY, THAT WE LATER LEARNED PRIEST WAS BROTHER OF KNOWN TUPAMARO AND THAT POLICE WERE ON SCENE AND INTERROGATING HIM. (UPON RETURNING TO OFFICE, I FOUND THAT THIS LEAD HAS NOT PROVED OUT.)

2. [redacted] SAID THAT HE HAD SPOKEN A SHORT TIME BEFORE WITH [redacted] WHO TOLD HIM THAT HE HAD HAD AS YET NO RPT NO RESPONSE TO HIS EFFORTS LAST NIGHT. HOWEVER, [redacted] EXPECTED TO HAVE ANOTHER MEETING WITH HIS CONTACTS AT 1100 HOURS TODAY. [redacted] THEN SAID THAT GOU HAS AN INCREASING FEELING THAT IN FACT MITRIONE IS ALREADY DEAD. 1.3(a)5 1.3(a)5 1.3(a)5 1.3(a)5

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HAT HE DIED PROBABLY AS RESULT OF WOUNDS HE SUFFERED AFTER
APTURE. GOU HAD NO HARD INFORMATION ON THIS BUT HE WANTED
O MAKE ME AWARE OF THIS HEIGHTENED FEELING. HE SAID IF
OON COMES AND GOES IT MAY WELL BE THAT WE WILL HAVE NO
MMEDIATE INFORMATION ON MITRIONE. IN FACT IT
IGHT BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE KNOW DEFINITELY WHETHER HE WAS
LIVE OR DEAD. WHEN THE NOON DEADLINE IS REACHED, THE GOU
NTENDS TO TAKE WHAT [redacted] CALLED "SEVERE MEASURES" (WHICH 1.3(a)5
E DID NOT DESCRIBE). FAILING ANY POSITIVE INFORMATION THAT
ITRIONE WAS ALIVE AFTERNOON, THE GOU WOULD IMMEDIATELY ACT
N HE ASSUMPTION THAT HE WAS NOT. WE CLOSED OUR MEETING AT
HIS POINT SO THE [redacted] COULD AWAIT ABDALA'S CALL. 1.3(a)5
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